

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are allowed. Applicants have made a grammatical correction to claim 1. Claims 14-28 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 14-28 were objected to. Applicants have cancelled claims 14-28 and believe the objection is now moot.

In paragraph 4 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 14 and 16-28 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,600,572. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, but in the interest of prosecution have cancelled claims 14-28 and believe the rejection is now moot.

In paragraph 5 on page 5 of the Office Action, claim 15 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, but in the interest of prosecution have cancelled claims 14-28 and believe the rejection is now moot.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the claims in their present form allowed.

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